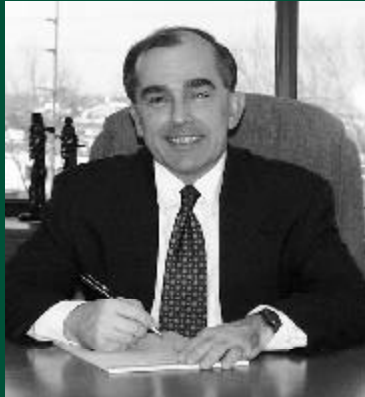


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Building A Regional Economic Plan



**ROB DRAKE,
MAYOR**

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It is no secret that the national economy has been in a slump. Oregon's economy has been harder hit and many Washington County companies have felt the direct impact of the slowdown.

Oregon's Governor, legislators and many business interests have been working feverishly to help jumpstart the economy. In addition to the loss of jobs, Oregon's state education funding package to schools has been slashed because of significantly reduced income tax revenue collections. As a result of voters approving statewide Ballot Measure 5 in 1990, the bulk of local education funding was shifted from local property taxes to the state-funded income tax. When the economy slows down and state income tax revenue collections are reduced, because of other competing state funding needs and requirements, it is likely that education funding to local school districts will be reduced. Reduced education funding is but one example of how a poor economy can impact our region and state.

Currently, the Portland region has no unified economic development plan. Individual jurisdictions, including the City of Beaverton, do have professional economic development managers or advisors on staff to assist local businesses and attract new ones. However, local jurisdictions are usually competitive and do not have an overarching plan for promoting regional successes. As a result of our slumping economy and the recognition that the slowdown is a regional and state challenge, a new effort is

underway to devise a regional economic development plan that has a macro-level viewpoint. It can be said that currently the economic development efforts locally have been focused on a micro-level effort.

The Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies (IPMS), which is an arm of Portland State University's (PSU) Urban Studies Department, is coordinating the effort to help lay the foundation for a new regional economic development plan. Funds were applied for and received from a locally financed grant program to help defray IPMS's costs to coordinate the effort. An organization called the Regional Partners, which is a consortium of regional city economic development managers (including Beaverton's Economic Development Manager Janet Young), Portland Development Commission, Port of Portland and private economic development and business organizations are serving as the informational and technical aid to this effort. IPMS's Dean, Dr. Ethan Seltzer, is lead staff to the Task Force.

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Mayor's Hotline

Your interests and concerns are important to me. A phone line is available 24 hours a day for citizen calls: (503) 526-3700. Messages will be checked daily, and if you leave your name and number, a staff member or I will respond to you as quickly as possible.

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Lastly, the policy body for this effort is the Metropolitan Economic Policy Task Force (MEPTF) that has been appointed to review past and current efforts, evaluate programs in other regions and recommend a framework to lay the foundation for the formation of a regional economic development plan. The 20-member Task Force is comprised of an equal split of private company and public agency personnel from the Portland region, including Clark County. I serve as Task Force Chair.

MEPTF was charged with reviewing adopted and emerging local, regional and state economic development strategies to identify common themes, possible conflicts and gaps, and opportunities and best practices for linking economic development objectives to land use and transportation planning and implementing actions and investments in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area.

The Task Force began its work last fall and continues into this summer. Historical and background information has been provided and reviewed, including presentations from economist Joe Cortright, the Oregon Business Council, New Economy Coalition and the Oregon and Washington economic development departments. The Task Force is now beginning to refine a framework for the regional economic development plan. The plan is intended to be a long-term policy document and action plan for regional economic development efforts. I look forward to the Task Force's completed work and the positive impact it will have on our regional economy.

• Rob Drake, Mayor



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THE CITY'S MISSION:
"Preserve and enhance Beaverton as a responsive, dynamic, attractive and safe community."

Rob Drake, Mayor
Dennis Doyle, Council President
Betty Bode, Councilor
Fred Ruby, Councilor
Forrest Soth, Councilor
Cathy Stanton, Councilor

COUNCIL GOALS:

- 1-Preserve and enhance our sense of community.
- 2-Use City resources efficiently to ensure long-term financial stability.
- 3-Continue to plan for, improve and maintain the City's infrastructure.
- 4-Provide responsive, cost effective service to the community.
- 5-Assure a safe and healthy community.
- 6-Manage growth and respond to change consistent with maintaining a livable, full-service city.
- 7-Maintain Beaverton as a regional leader in cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations.
- 8-Provide and support a highly qualified and motivated City work force.

Mayor Rob Drake and the Beaverton City Council at one of the 2002 Picnics in the Park. See the article on page 5 for information about the 2003 picnic schedule.

Council Corner:

Diversity Award Program Established

PLEASE NOTE: The Council Corner article reflects the views of the Councilor writing the article. The Mayor's or other Councilor's opinions may not be fully reflected in Council Corner articles.



*Council President
Dennis Doyle*

It's been a year since I have done an article for the City newsletter, and the topic in May of 2002 was the Hall-Watson Street beautification project. That project is still active, and carried a budget approaching four million dollars, over a multi-year implementation plan. Not all critical

City activity necessitates million dollar expenditures, and below I am happy to bring two of them before you. Each is extremely important to the basic fabric of our growing city.

The Council was recently asked by our hard working Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission to establish a Diversity Award Program. We were pleased to formalize this new award program, and it will consist of three distinct awards. The areas are Individual, Business and Industry, and Community/Non-Profit organizations. In the commission's presentation to council, the purpose of the awards are to "recognize and celebrate outstanding accomplishments and sustained commitment by an individual, community organization, business organization, and/or non-profit group, in the area of promoting appreciation for diversity, human rights, and cultural understanding in the City of Beaverton and our local community".

Nominees will live, work or be located in the Beaverton urban service boundary. The process approved consists of:

- Nominations should be made to the City of Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission in writing on the proper nomination form.
- Nominations for the first City of Beaverton Diversity Award may be submitted throughout

the 2003 calendar year, but no later than noon on October 31, 2003.

- Additional relevant information, e.g., letters of support, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. may be submitted with the nomination form.

The basic criteria for nomination in any of the three categories described above "should reflect civil and human rights achievements by a specific person or organization through specific work with other individuals or groups, or through a specific product or activity that has a visible, tangible, or measurable impact on the perception of, attitude toward, respect for, and treatment of other persons".

Those chosen will be recognized at a January 2004 City Council meeting and reception. For complete details please visit the commissions web site at: www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/hr/hr_humanrightscm.html. Or simply visit the City Web site, look at the Mayor's tab, and choose Boards and Commissions to arrive at their spot on the Web site. For information and nomination material by phone, please call Nicolle Green at (503) 526-2569, who is the City staff person who works with the commission.

The dollars involved in this new program are small, but the results are extremely significant.

A second recent council action was the approval of the expenditure of \$254,417 to fund our annual social services grants. The monies for this come from our state revenue sharing dollars, and from the Community Development Block Grant funds from the federal government.

Applicants submit a thorough document supporting their request. A five-member citizen group appointed by the City Council and the Mayor review the documents prior to interviewing each interested party. They then have the difficult task of determining which group and at what amount funding will be granted. The basic criterion for an award is that the provider will meet a basic need for

City Councilors Welcome Your Comments

Please feel free to call your City Councilors with any comments or questions you may have. They can be reached at the following numbers:

**Dennis Doyle,
Council
President
(503) 526-2344**

**Betty Bode
(503) 526-2347**

**Fred Ruby
(503) 526-2345**

**Forrest Soth
(503) 644-4972**

**Cathy Stanton
(503) 526-2343**

Council Corner

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Beaverton citizens. Even in the best of economic times there is unfortunately a substantial need for the services that are provided by the mainly volunteer groups who apply for these grants.

The 2003 awards were given to: Beaverton Literacy Council, Beaverton Loaves and Fishes, Beaverton Rotary Foundation, Beaverton Together, Care to Share, Christmas in April, Community Action Organization, Community Alliance of Tenants, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Domestic Violence Resource Center, Good Neighbor Center, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Open Door Counseling, Oregon Korean Community Center, PCC Foundation, St. Andrews Legal Clinic, Sexual Assault Resource Center, Store to Door,

THPRD Foundation, Tualatin Valley Center-Open Gate and Young Parents, Westside Service Center, and Youth Contact. The dollars approved varied by the amount requested and the availability of funds.

I encourage each of you to call one of the above programs and see how you can help make our awards go even further. Each group has a compelling story and serves a critical need that helps make Beaverton a better place to live. Join me and the many other volunteers who make each of them successful. If you need a phone number for one of the organizations, please call Joyce Storms at (503) 526-2481. Joyce would be happy to provide that information for you.

Have a great spring!

Community Development Department: 21st Century Planning

Have you ever volunteered to write down all the birds you have seen in the City? Or perhaps you recently made a list of all the boxes in your garage? If so, you have created an inventory, and from your experience you know that inventories can be a lot of work. Recently, the City's Development Services Division began to inventory land uses for a future update of Chapter 20 of the Development Code. Chapter 20 contains the City's zoning districts and identifies what is permitted or not permitted in these districts. Staff will use information from this inventory to develop a list of potential changes to Chapter 20 for future consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council.

Traditionally, land use inventories have been done using maps and paper. City staff would go into the community—often in pairs—write down what they saw, go back to the office, and enter information into a computer. While necessary, this method was inefficient, requiring significant staff time and effort. For the current inventory, Development Services has taken a

different approach and has partnered with the City's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division to take advantage of 21st century technology. Using a handheld device, similar to the personal digital assistants used by many people today, an intern for the Development Services Division is able to view a color citywide aerial map, select a particular land use, and enter information specific to that land use directly into the handheld device. This information can then be downloaded back in the office to a custom database developed by the GIS Division simply by plugging the device into a computer. Working this way, the City is able to reduce the number of staff involved in the inventory, as well as the number of steps in the inventory process.

By using 21st century planning tools, the Chapter 20 inventory project will make efficient use of staff resources for the benefit of the community. In addition, the knowledge and experiences gained from this project will assist City staff in future inventories.

Picnic in the Park with your Neighbors

Mayor Rob Drake and the Beaverton City Council are once again sponsoring the Picnic in the Park series. Picnics will be held once a month during the summer. The purpose of the events is to give citizens the opportunity to speak with the Mayor and City Councilors in an informal manner and to encourage citizen participation in neighborhoods.

All residents are encouraged to attend, particularly those without much experience attending City government functions. The Picnics in the Park are designed to give people who are new to civic participation a unique opportunity to communicate with their elected officials.

The City provides hot dogs and beverages and the entire family is welcome! Many of the City's programs will have tables set up to provide information on City services. Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) representatives will also be in attendance. The information at the right outlines the dates, locations, times and neighborhoods for the specific picnic.



Scenes from 2002 Picnics in the Park.

**Wednesday, June 18,
6:00 p.m.**

CAMILLE PARK

West Slope
Raleigh West
Denney Whitford

**Wednesday, July 30,
6:00 p.m.**

SHIFFLER PARK

Central Beaverton
Highland
Vose

**Wednesday, August 20,
6:00 p.m.**

HITEON PARK

Sexton Mountain
South Beaverton
Greenway
Neighbors Southwest

**Thursday, September 18,
6:00 p.m.**

AUTUMN RIDGE PARK

Five Oaks
Triple Creek
West Beaverton



***To find out
which NAC
your home is
part of, visit
the City Web
site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us
and then go to
the
Neighborhoods
page (from the
list of
departments).***

***For additional
information
about the
picnics, and/or
directions to
the parks,
please call
(503) 526-
2658.***

Taste of Beaverton...

A Change in Name and Style: Welcome SummerFest to Beaverton

Hold onto that "Taste of Beaverton" t-shirt. It may be a collectible. After 15 years, the Beaverton's signature community event is changing its name to SummerFest presented by Nike (the local athletic shoe maker is returning as this year's title sponsor).

Many things will stay the same from previous years. For instance, the event will still be produced and managed by the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, take place in Griffith Park, and continue to benefit multiple area non-profit organizations.

But there are several major changes: SummerFest will run later than usual, from July 18 - 20, taking advantage of typically sunnier weather and the traveling schedules of national musical acts. Also, it will have less of a focus on food and a wider appeal to the Northwest region.

"We felt that the old name only emphasized one part of the event," says Lorraine Clarno, President of the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce. "SummerFest presented by Nike expresses the atmosphere of the entire community getting together for sporting events, fitness activities, great musical acts, and of course, there will still be food."

A popular element that has complimented the event in the past decade is the Beaverton Festival Parade, now named Beaverton SummerFest Parade. The Saturday, July 19, event will take place largely unchanged, beginning near Allen Blvd., winding through the streets of historic downtown Beaverton and ending at the SummerFest Griffith Park site.

With Nike as the lead sponsor, sports and fitness activities are in keeping with the company's world-class reputation. Athletic highlights include a 10K run and 5K walk for all ages, the popular Mayor's Physical Fitness

Challenge for youngsters ages 5 - 11, an all-star racquetball invitational featuring Beaverton's best area middle and high school players, the Westside Police Activities League annual boxing tournament, plus planned fitness and aerobic demonstrations. These energetic family fun attractions are the planned Beaverton-in-Motion events presented by 1st Tech Credit Union.

While the word "Taste" is gone from the title, there will still be plenty to eat with top area restaurants serving a wider variety of their signature menu items.

SummerFest attractions feature local and national businesses demonstrating their community-spirited involvement with the Bank of America Main Stage, the Beaverton Valley Times Family Stage, and the A&E (The Oregonian) becoming a first time sponsor of the Variety Stage. IBM and 1st Tech Credit Union are stepping up to co-sponsor a new Education Technology Pavilion focused on emerging engineering and science exhibits in ro-

botics through partnerships with OMSI and the Oregon Graduate Institute.

KPTV-Fox12 and KPDX-UPN49 have signed on as local television broadcast sponsors with Comcast as the local Cable television benefactor. On the radio side of the ledger, the Clear Channel group returns for year twelve. The City of Beaverton, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District and Columbia Distributing round out the list of valuable resource partners.

SummerFest presented by Nike still reflects the best of life in our fair city, but changes reflect how Beaverton has grown from a suburb of Portland to a true community in its own right.

For volunteer, schedule or other info about the festival, call the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce at (503) 644-0123, www.beaverton.org or e-mail at info@beaverton.org.



SummerFest will be held July 18-20 in Griffith Park.

Contact the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce at (503) 644-0123 for more information.

Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee:

A Plea for Courtesy

It was a typical rainy day in March. Carl had to get a few things from the store, so he grabbed his coat, put on his hat, and headed out the door.

Carl approached the corner, pressed the button for the walk light, and waited. The light changed, but just as he was about to enter the crosswalk a car cut him off, stopped in the crosswalk to check for oncoming cars, and then made a right hand turn. By the time the car had cleared the crosswalk, Carl's opportunity to cross the street was gone.

This story is far too common. Drivers like the one depicted above have caused me to miss buses, making me late for appointments. I am blind and travel with a guide dog. My dog has had to pull me out of the path of impatient drivers turning on to the street I am crossing. While in the middle of crossings, drivers have actually pulled up and revved their engines at me as I passed by their car.

These behaviors are not only unsettling to me, but they put added stress on my guide dog.

A simple street crossing can be a nightmare during rush hour. My guide has to ignore the sounds of dogs barking out of car windows, impatient horns honking, figure out how to guide me around cars that have stopped in the crosswalk without guiding me into the path of an oncoming car, and not be spooked by a car either turning right in front of us or just behind us while we make our way to the other side of the street.

Recently, a young woman in a wheelchair was struck by a car while she was trying to get to a bus stop. Another woman was killed when a tractor trailer turned wide and hit her while she was crossing a street with her guide dog.

These stories leave me fearful for myself as well as my children. We live in a fast paced world, and the truth is that the many people traveling on foot are doing so because they cannot drive, not because they choose not to. Please be a courteous driver, and remember to look out for pedestrians.

This article was written By Patricia Kepler, Vice-Chair of the Beaverton Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue:

Put a Lid on Cooking Fires

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires. In 2002, approximately one-third of the residential fires that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to began in a kitchen. Minimize your risk by following these safety tips:

Avoiding a Cooking Fire

- Always supervise your cooking.
- Keep an eye on cooking oil.
- Keep your cooking area clean to avoid grease build-up.
- Keep potholders and towels away from the stovetop.
- Turn pot handles toward the center of the stove.
- Teach children how to cook safely.

Extinguishing a Cooking Fire

If the fire is large or appears to be growing, do not attempt to extinguish it! Quickly leave your home and call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or neighbor's house.

- Put a Lid on It. The easiest way to

extinguish a small pan fire is with a lid. The lid will "smother" the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat.

- Grease and Water Do Not Mix! Never pour water on a grease fire! The flames will "splash," resulting in burns to your body and/or catching nearby cabinets and countertops on fire.

- Baking Soda. Sprinkle a generous amount of baking soda in the palm of your hand and "toss" it upon the fire. If the fire is not extinguished after several attempts, use a fire extinguisher or leave your home and call 9-1-1. *Never use flour as an extinguisher as it actually feeds a fire!*

- Fire Extinguisher. Make sure your fire extinguisher is designed to extinguish cooking fires. If the fire is small and has not spread outside the point of origin (oven/pan), use the P.A.S.S. system to put it out (**P**ull the pin, **A**im at the base of the fire, **S**queeze the handle, and **S**weep from side to side).

For more safety tips, visit our website at www.tvfr.com

Engineering Department: **Protecting Your Drinking Water**

Although automatic sprinkler systems make watering lawns and gardens easier and save time, irrigation water may be contaminated by weed killers, pesticides, or fertilizers that can be siphoned back into your drinking water. Irrigation systems not protected by special backflow prevention valves could endanger the health of a household, neighborhood, or community. If a cross connection between plumbing containing a harmful substance and a drinking water pipe is not protected and the harmful substance flows back into the water main, it may be accidentally consumed by the water customers.

A "cross connection" is a point in a plumbing system where the drinking (potable) water supply is or can be connected directly to a non-potable source. Examples of cross connections, which could allow harmful substances to be carried into the public water supply are:

- Chemicals from lawn fertilizing sprayers,
- Solar heating systems and swimming pools,
- Heating systems using boilers,
- Private wells with connection to the public water system, and
- Fire systems which use black iron pipe or other non-potable piping.

Since 1985, the City of Beaverton has required backflow assemblies on commercial and industrial plumbing where cross connection hazards or potential hazards exist. Backflow prevention assemblies have also been required by plumbing codes for residential sprinkler systems for many years. Oregon law requires the public water system to be protected from cross connections and potential backflow of harmful substances into our drinking water.

Protecting Your Drinking Water

A plumbing permit is needed to install a residential irrigation (sprinkler) system whether you, as the property owner, install the sprinkler system or you hire a contractor. The permit ensures that the plumbing codes administered by the City of Beaverton are followed. Plumbing codes are enforced to ensure the homeowner has a plumbing system that is safe to use for drinking water and to maintain consistent high-

quality plumbing systems for you, as a consumer, when purchasing a new or different home or condominium. Obtaining a plumbing permit also ensures that, if you hire a contractor, the contractor is licensed and bonded. As a part of the permit process, the City's plumbing inspector and cross-connection inspector will inspect the new system to verify that an approved backflow assembly is installed properly. The City's inspectors will also verify the location, serial number, and testing of the backflow assembly.

Remember that the plumbing code requires all water service yard piping to be buried at least 24 inches deep to protect against freezing. If you choose an Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker (AVB), note that it is a non-testable device but is required to be inspected. The City will inspect AVBs annually at no cost to the homeowner to ensure they are operating properly. Under Oregon Administrative Rules, all other types of backflow assemblies require annual testing by a State certified tester to be paid for by the homeowner. The test is to ensure that the assembly is operating correctly. Refer to the yellow pages of your phone book to find certified testers.

Your Backflow Assembly

For assistance with the type of backflow assembly best for your irrigation system, contact your local water provider.

Beaverton Water Service Providers:

City of Beaverton
(503) 526-2257

Tualatin Valley Water District
(503) 642-1511

West Slope Water District
(503) 292-2777

**To view a
picture of the
four backflow
assembly
installations,
please access
the City of
Beaverton's
Web site at
[www.ci.
beaverton.or.us/
water/
water.html](http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us/water/water.html)**

Operations Department: Spring and Summer Road Work Ahead

As much as we enjoy the spring and summer months, we can also pretty much count on being inconvenienced by the roadwork that picks up momentum during this time of year.

A great deal of planning goes into street projects, such as resurfacing the streets, also known as “street overlays.” The City tries to make the best decisions possible considering various other utility schedules and budgeting constraints.

The Street Section of the Operations Department works in coordination with the City Engineering Department’s Capital Improvement Project Division. Street inspections are completed every two years, and the data entered into a pavement management system database. Each street has a pavement condition index (PCI) value : 100 is a new street, 0 is a street in poor condition. The PCI rating of each street is evaluated to determine which streets should be resurfaced within a 5-year period. The streets that make the list, and those that get put on hold fluctuate for many reasons.

Many utilities (such as water, sewer, telephone, and natural gas) lay below the surface of a street. The utilities have similar programs to identify and determine what may need replacing in the future. The utility upgrades are coordinated and completed prior to the street overlay.

Coordinating with these various utilities and their upgrade and replacement schedules can be challenging for the City. If for instance, an old water main exists that has had multiple leaks in recent years, it may need replacement. Dollars must be budgeted a year in advance to replace that system prior to the overlay. The same holds true for the City’s sewer and storm systems. These entire systems are cleaned and video inspected prior to decisions made regarding street repairs and upgrades.

Sidewalk ramps are installed, if needed, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The City annually installs sidewalk ramps at street corners prior to paving at sites specifically chosen in coordination with the Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

The City of Beaverton’s Operations and

Maintenance Department apologizes for the inconvenience these projects impose on our citizens. The repair and maintenance of our streets contributes greatly to the safety and livability of our City, and we appreciate your patience while this work is performed. If you have any questions concerning the upcoming street maintenance projects, please call the Operations Department at (503) 526-2220, or (503) 526-2534 (TTY).

The following streets are scheduled for street maintenance overlays for the spring and summer of 2003:

Street Name	Street Boundaries
King Blvd.	Allen Blvd. to Denny Rd.
Duchess Way	King Blvd. to Madhatter Ln.
Cheshire Ct.	Cheshire Rd. to cul-de-sac
Madhatter Ln.	Cheshire Rd. to Alice
Erickson Ave.	Allen to 5 th St.
Briarcliff Cir.	Denny Rd. to end
Danielle Ave.	Wilson to 27 th
31 st Ct.	Danielle Ave. to cul-de-sac
33 rd Pl.	Danielle Ave. to cul-de-sac
Larch Pl.	139 th to Menlo Dr.
Spencer Ave.	Larch Dr. to 6 th
Ames Way	Oleson Rd. to dead-end
5 th Street	Western Ave. to dead-end
Glenn Ct.	130 th to cul-de-sac
Rose Ln.	Farmington Rd. to end
Birch Ave.	Pinehurst Dr. to Royal Woodlands Dr.
Cedar Hills Blvd.	Huntington Ave. to Jenkins Rd.
Davies Rd.	Scholls Ferry Rd. to Brockman Rd.
Hall Blvd.	Farmington Rd. to Canyon Rd.
NW 176 th Pl.	Fieldstone Dr. to cul-de-sac
NW Fall Ave.	Fieldstone Dr. to Autumn Ridge Dr.
NW Fall Pl.	Fieldstone Dr. to cul-de-sac
NW Fall Ct.	Fall Ave. to cul-de-sac
NW 183 rd Ave.	Walker Rd. to Fieldstone Dr.
NW Fieldstone Ave.	183 rd Ave. to 178 th Ave.
Fisher Ave.	Redhaven Dr. to 20 th St.
Redhaven Dr.	Cherryhill Ln. to 22 nd St.
Rochester Dr.	22 nd to Cherryhill Dr.
Cherryhill Ct.	Cherryhill Ln. to cul-de-sac
Hazel St.	141 st east to dead end
East St.	Broadway to Beaverdam
Beaverdam Rd.	Cedar Hills to East St.

If you have questions or concerns about property safety assessments, or any other Code issue, contact Code Services at (503) 526-2270.

Code Services Program: Property Safety Assessment

Start your summer safely by conducting a survey of your property for hazards that could harm you, your family, or your neighbors.

- You are responsible for the sidewalk adjoining your property. Check it for any trip hazards or obstructions. If you decide to replace any part of a sidewalk, contact the Engineering Division for a permit. They will inspect the repairs to make sure the work meets City standards.

- Be sure to prune any vegetation that has grown out over the sidewalk so it does not interfere with people walking on the sidewalk. Trees should be pruned up to a height of eight feet over the sidewalk and twelve feet over the street. Trees along the sidewalk and street should be shaped to encourage upward growth, which may require the removal of some lower limbs.

- Check to see that trees and shrubs are not causing a vision problem for you as you back out of your driveway or for other motorists going through an intersection.

- Burglars like the privacy that results from overgrown shrubs. Consider pruning shrubs around doorways and windows to make your home less attractive to them.

- Keep grass and weeds trimmed to avoid a fire hazard, and to prevent the spread of pollen and weed seeds.

- Recycle yard debris rather than allowing it to remain on your property where it could dry out and become a fire hazard.

- If you have a swimming pool, hot tub, or decorative pond on your property with water that is deeper than 24 inches, it is your responsibility to make sure it is not a nuisance. Make sure fencing and gates are in good order to prevent a child from going near the water.

- Cleaning out your gutters now can avoid drainage problems in the future.

- Keep standing water on your property to a minimum to help prevent the infestation of mosquitoes, which can carry the West Nile Virus.

If your projects include doing some digging, call (503) 246-6699 first for a free check of underground utilities. Call them at least 48 hours before you plan to dig. This will help you avoid underground electrical wires, gas pipelines, telephone lines, and other utilities.

Spending a few minutes to survey your property for hazards, then taking action to remove the hazards, will make your environment safer for you and those around you.

Web Services:

City Web Site Receives Golden Web Award

We are pleased to announce that the City of Beaverton Web site received the "2003-2004 Golden Web Award" presented by The International Association of Web Masters and Designers. This award is presented to those sites whose Web design, originality and content have achieved levels of excellence deserving of recognition.

A brief highlight of eGovernment services available on the City of Beaverton Web site that helped earn the Golden Web Award include: Business Licenses Online, Electronic Mailing Lists, Court Payments Online, Forms and Fees Center, Online Job Applications, Volunteer Opportunity Online Applications (for Police and

Boards & Commissions), Online City Calendar, Arts Commission Online Gallery and others. In addition to these and other eGovernment services currently available, new services are being developed and will come online in 2003. An example is the Online Room Reservation System that will allow individuals and organizations to view an online schedule of publicly available rooms and make online reservations.

We are proud to provide high-quality Web services to our citizens and always look for suggestions and ideas to improve them, so do not hesitate to send feedback: www.ci.beaverton.or.us/feedback/feedback.cfm.

Police Department: In the Line of Duty...

In the United States, a police officer is killed in the line of duty every 54 hours. More than 16,000 law enforcement officers have died since 1792. Of that number, more than 6,000 of these deaths occurred after 1960. The State of Oregon has lost more than 150 officers while they were serving their communities.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 that proclaimed May 15 of each year as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the federal, state, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. He also declared the week containing May 15 as National Peace Officers Week, in recognition of the service given by the men and women of law enforcement for:

- Working devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of this nation;
- Safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow Americans;

- Giving our country internal freedom from fear of violence; and,
- Demonstrating patriotism through their service and dedicated efforts.

Congress amended the law in 1994 to direct that the United States flag be displayed at half-staff on all Government buildings on May 15 to recognize National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Mayor Rob Drake has proclaimed May 15 as Police Officers Memorial Day, and the week of May 11 through 17 as Peace Officers Memorial Week for the City of Beaverton.

Memorial gatherings will take place across the nation, throughout the State of Oregon, and in our communities. Members of the Beaverton Police Department Honor Guard will be participating in the memorial service at Oregon's Police Academy in Monmouth, Oregon.

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Neighborhood Program: Online Reservation System for Public Meeting Rooms

Did you know that the City of Beaverton has inexpensive meeting space for use by the public? The Beaverton Community Center, Beaverton City Library, and Beaverton Resource Center each have meeting rooms that can be reserved for a variety of activities.

- The Beaverton Community Center's three rooms include the Community Room with a capacity of 105, the Vose Room with a capacity of 32, and the Family Room with a capacity of 10.

- The Beaverton Resource Center has two rooms for public use including the Large Community Room with a capacity of 115 and the Small Community Room with a capacity of 58.

- The Beaverton City Library's three rooms include the Conference Room with a capacity of 49, Meeting Room A with a capacity of 100, and Meeting Room B with a capacity of 74.

Additional information on these meeting rooms is available on the City's website at www.ci.beaverton.or.us, or by calling (503) 526-2565 (Beaverton Community Center) or (503) 350-4071 (Beaverton Resource Center and Beaverton City Library).

Rooms are available to to public and/or non-profit groups not charging fees for service.

Web Improvements Coming

The City is excited to announce that soon you will be able to reserve these public rooms on-line through the City's Web site. This system will allow you to view meeting room availability and request rooms online. We anticipate the new system to be "live" in June 2003. Watch this publication and the City's Web site for further information.

For those who do not wish to use the on-line system, we will continue to accept reservations using the traditional application process.

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Center) or
(503) 350-4071
(Beaverton
Resource
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City Library).***

We encourage you to call the Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center at (503) 526-2523. The Center is open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

Dispute Resolution Center: Steps to Resolving Conflict

Did you know the City of Beaverton has a free mediation program to help community members resolve conflicts? It is the Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center.

The Center helps neighbors, landlords and tenants, manufactured dwelling park residents, businesses, and other community members resolve various conflicts, such as animal complaints, property disputes, business/consumer issues, etc. Mediation helps resolve disputes quickly and creatively, before police, attorneys, or courts are needed.

You might be asking yourself, "What is mediation?" Mediation is a negotiation process that allows people involved in a dispute to talk in private with a neutral person (a mediator). Unlike arbitration, or the court system, where a decision is made for you, all parties work together to come up with their own solution to the problem.

The Center's professionally trained volunteer mediators are eager to help you resolve your conflicts. The mediators are approachable to talk about your concerns, and conversations are confidential.

Here is what you can expect when you call the Center:

1. Staff members will listen to your concern, answer questions, and see if mediation is the right choice for you. Staff may offer suggestions in how to talk with your neighbor, provide additional referral sources, and/or open

a case.

2. Once a case is opened, a volunteer mediator will contact you by telephone (usually in two to three days, depending on case load) to get more information about your perspective of the situation, and what you would like to see happen. This process is confidential, and the mediators will ask your permission before they call the other party(ies).

3. The mediator will contact the other party(ies) involved in the dispute. They will let them know mediators do not take sides, or make decisions, but are there to help resolve the conflict. The mediator will forward your concerns, will listen to their perspective of the conflict, and hear how they would like the issue resolved.

4. The mediator facilitates a conversation by telephone between the two parties until an agreement can be reached, or until the parties no longer need services. The mediators may also suggest that the parties meet face-to-face in a mediation session (normally conducted at Beaverton City Hall).

5. The Center conducts a 30-day follow up with each party to see if the negotiated agreement is working out, and if they are satisfied with the mediation services.

Using mediation to help resolve conflicts is a great option. Historically, 95 percent of parties who go through the mediation process are satisfied with the services they receive.

Sister Cities Program: Trips in the Planning Stage

We are very excited to be able to inform Beaverton citizens that two of our Sister Cities will send representatives to Oregon for SummerFest* in July. Birobidzhan, Russia and Trossingen, Germany have both accepted our invitation to visit our City.

A new mayor named Alexander Vinnikov will lead the Russian delegation. This will be his first time visiting here so we hope his reception will be welcoming and warm. Trossingen, Germany's mayor has informed us that he too

will be here. Each of these delegations will be composed of ten people.

In July we have been invited to send a group of middle school students to Gotemba, Japan for a weeklong visit. If you or your child is interested please call our office at (503) 526-2499. The cost of this trip would be approximately \$900, which includes round trip airfare and the round trip bus fare from Tokyo to Gotemba.

**formerly the Taste of Beaverton (see article on page 6.)*



RECYCLING SURVEY:

Help us learn more about recycling practices in Beaverton by participating in our first online survey at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/recycling.

To request a paper version of the survey, call (503) 526-2665 and leave your name and address.

If you have questions about your garbage or recycling services at your home or business, contact us at (503) 526-2665 or recyclingmail@ci.beaverton.or.us

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, June 7, 2003 ~ 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Beaverton City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive)

The public is encouraged to bring in household items, yard debris and small appliances.

Drop-off fees are: \$5 for cars; \$15 for car with trailer/pick-up truck/minivan/SUV; and \$25 for pick-up truck with trailer/van/SUV with trailer.

*The following items will **not** be accepted: kitchen garbage, food waste, tires, asbestos, hazardous materials (such as liquid paint, pesticides, glues, oil and gas) and large appliances (e.g. stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers and dryers).*



**For more information,
contact the
City of Beaverton
at (503) 526-2543**

*Sponsored by the City of Beaverton,
in partnership with:
Beaverton Neighborhood Associations,
Committee for Citizen Involvement,
local garbage haulers,
and Metro.*

Go to www.metro-region.org to find a schedule for hazardous waste collection events.

Beaverton Arts Commission: Upcoming Arts Events

Ongoing Monthly art exhibitions in the main corridors of Beaverton City Hall. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. May: A multi-media art show featuring works by members of the Village Gallery of Art. June: Watercolors by Liz Walker and Mixed Media by Jody Everts. (503) 526-2288.

Saturday, May 10 "Art is My Voice," an annual art festival and sale benefiting the Arts and Communication Magnet Academy, 11375 SW Center St. in Beaverton (114th/Center/Canyon - 1 blk west of Hwy 217). Admission is \$5 adults/\$3 students. (503) 672-3700, Ext 9.

Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, 8:00 p.m. Dance West, the pre-professional dance company of Beaverton's Arts and Communication Magnet Academy will perform at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. General Admission tickets are \$16.50/\$14.50/\$10.50 and are available at Fastixx outlets and the PCPA Box office. Charge by phone at (503) 224-8499.



A dancer from the Arts Academy.

Saturday, May 17, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Family Art Day at the Beaverton Library - Camp Fire USA and the Peddler's Pack will offer hands-on art activities at the Beaverton City Library from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Activities include decorating note cards with hand-stamps, making animal masks and friendship bracelets. Students from Comeford School of Irish Dance and Pacific Festival Ballet will perform in the auditorium. Student artwork will be on display in meeting rooms A&B. No admission charge. (503) 526-2288

Saturday, May 17, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, May 18, 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Portland Community Ballet will perform Cinderella at the Deb Fennel Auditorium, Tigard High School. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. (503) 672-7909

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Art lecture and slide presentation by Photographer Bruce Barnbaum author of "Tone Poems." Barnbaum is a recipient of the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award for photography and conservation. No admission charge. This lecture is being co-presented by the Portland Photographer's Forum. (503) 526-2288

Saturday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. NATYANJALI 2003 Classical Temple Dance Ballet of India performed by Dr. Jayanthi Raman and 30 dancers of NATYA Indian Dance Academy. Westview High School auditorium, 4200 NW 185th Ave. No admission charge. (503) 690-5906.

Wednesday, June 4, 7:00-7:45 p.m. Art lecture and slide presentation regarding the life and work of American Artist Jacob Lawrence presented by Beaverton Art Literacy in the Beaverton City Library auditorium. Lawrence was an impassioned observer whose gaze was firmly fixed upon the complexities of our American tumult, from the Civil War period of the 1860's to the civil rights movement of the 1960's to the end of the twentieth century. No admission charge. (503) 526-2288.

ARTS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cultural License Plate Available

An Oregon Cultural Trust license plate is now available for Oregon vehicles. Bearing a colorful abstract artwork, the Cultural Trust plate carries a surcharge of \$15 per plate, or \$30 per pair. To view the "Cultural" plate, go to www.oregondmv.com/Vehicles/sample_plate.htm. The Cultural Trust is a statewide plan to raise new funds to invest in Oregon's arts, humanities and heritage. To learn more, visit www.culturaltrust.org.

Special Recognition

Congratulations to the Westview High School Theater Department for being invited, as one of the top 25 high school theater programs in the nation, to perform at the prestigious International Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland - an honor equivalent to a bowl game invitation for a college football team. To contribute to the student's fund-raising efforts, contact Janet Hogue at hoguerj@dsl-only.net or (503) 645-8922.

Contact the
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office at (503)
526-2288 or
jscott@ci.beaverton.or.us,
or by visiting
our Web site
at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/arts

Sign up for the
Arts News and
Events Mailing
List at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/arts/news.html

Beaverton City Library: Library Reduces Hours of Operation

The Beaverton City Library will be changing its hours of operation beginning Tuesday, May 27, the day after Memorial Day. The new hours will be:

Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.

The reduction in hours is due to the defeat of last November's countywide library levy. The Library has had to reduce staff, hours of operation and its book budget. During the discussion of what and where to cut, one of the primary focuses was to minimize the impact to the user public. Therefore, the Library decided to maintain a seven day a week operation and make minor adjustments by opening a half hour later some mornings and closing an hour earlier on some evenings. Friday evenings, which are the least used hours, is the most significant block of hours cut.

Book budgets will be cut by one-third. The Library is hoping that fundraising will offset some of the book budget reductions. The Beaverton Library Foundation will be raising money to restore the Children's book and materials budget over the next year. If you want to make a tax deductible contribution you can mail it to the Beaverton Library Foundation, P. O. Box 602, Beaverton, OR 97075.

Another way of helping the Library to maintain its high level of service is to support the New Friends of the Library Book Corner, located at 12470 SW 5th St. in Beaverton (across the street from the library park fountain). The Book Corner sells good, quality, used books for low prices, most a \$1.00 or less. You are welcome to shop Monday – Saturday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sunday, Noon – 3:00 pm. The Book Corner accepts your book donations which they will then sell. The money raised by the Book Corner helps to support the library's events, services and collections. Do not have time to stop by the Book Corner? You still can help the library by joining the Friends as a member. The Friends is a membership organization and for as little as \$6.00 annually you can show your on-going support for the

Library. Membership applications can be picked up at the Library or call the Friends at (503) 643-5188.

Summer Reading for Kids and Teens

Kids up through grade six are invited to "Read! Discover! Explore!" during the Beaverton City Library's Summer Reading Program. To participate in this free program, children can sign up in the Children's Room of the Library, beginning June 2. Every child who reads (or is read to) for 15 hours over the summer will receive a free paperback book, along with some other surprises. It is a great way to explore the fun of reading this summer. As part of the "Read! Discover! Explore" program the Library also presents free special events for kids every Wednesday afternoon from June 23 through August 6, including Cowboy Comedy, Magician Bob Eaton, and Mad Science!

Older kids and teens from grades 6 through



12 can participate in "Discover Magic: Read!," this year's Teen Summer Reading Program. Sign up in the Young Adult Room starting June 2. By reading for 15 hours,

young adults will earn a free paperback book or gift certificate, along with some other goodies. And for every book they read (or listen to), teens can write a short review to enter our special prize drawings...the more you read, the better your chances for winning. Special events for teens during the summer include an Ice Cream Kick Off Party, Mystery Night, Mendhi Magic, and more.

BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY:

Address:
**12375 SW 5th
 Street,
 (5th & Hall)
 Beaverton, OR
 97005**

Phone:
(503) 644-2197

Hours:
**Monday thru
 Thursday
 10:00 am-8:00
 pm**

**Friday
 10:00 am-6:00
 pm**

**Saturdays
 10:00 am -5:00
 pm**

**Sundays
 Noon-5:00 pm**

Website:
**[www.ci.
 beaverton.or.us](http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us)**

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR • MAY/JUNE 2003

City Council Meetings* - City Hall / Council Chambers

Mon. May 5	6:30 p.m.	Mon. June 2	6:30 p.m.
Mon. May 12	6:30 p.m. (Televised)	Mon. June 9	6:30 p.m. (Televised)
		Mon. June 16	6:30 p.m.

Budget Committee Meetings - City Hall / 2nd Floor Conference Room

Mon. May 19	6:00 p.m.	Tues. May 20	6:00 p.m.	Wed. May 21	6:00 p.m.
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NAC Meetings**

Central Beaverton NAC	Thurs. May 15	7:00 p.m.	Beaverton Community Center
	Thurs. June 19	7:00 p.m.	
Denny Whitford NAC	Thurs. May 22	7:00 p.m.	Edgewood Downs Retirement Ctr.
Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC	Tues. May 13	7:00 p.m.	Elmonica Elementary School
	Tues. June 10	7:00 p.m.	Tualatin Hills Nature Park
Greenway NAC	Thurs. May 15	7:00 p.m.	Conestoga Middle School
Highland NAC	Thurs. May 8	7:00 p.m.	Beaverton Resource Center
	Thurs. June 12	7:00 p.m.	
Raleigh West NAC	Wed. May 14	7:00 p.m.	Beaverton Community Center
	Wed. June 11	7:00 p.m.	
Sexton Mountain NAC	Wed. May 21	7:00 p.m.	Sexton Mountain Elem. School
	Wed. June 18	7:00 p.m.	
South Beaverton NAC	Thurs. May 8	7:00 p.m.	Southridge High School
	Thurs. June 12	7:00 p.m.	
Vose NAC	Wed. May 7	7:00 p.m.	Beaverton Community Center
	Wed. June 4	7:00 p.m.	
West Beaverton NAC	Thurs. May 8	7:00 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventist Church
	Thurs. June 12	7:00 p.m.	
West Slope NAC	Tues. June 17	7:00 p.m.	Valley Presbyterian Church

Boards and Commissions - Meeting Locations at City Hall

Beaverton Arts Commission	Tues. May 20	6:00 p.m.	3rd Floor Conference Room
	Tues. June 17	6:00 p.m.	
Beaverton Com. for Citizen Involvement	Tues. May 27	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Room
	Tues. June 24	7:00 p.m.	
Beaverton Sister Cities	Thurs. May 8	7:30 a.m.	3rd Floor Conference Room
	Thurs. June 12	7:30 a.m.	
B.I.K.E. Task Force	Tues. May 6	6:00 p.m.	3rd Floor Conference Room
	Tues. June 3	6:00 p.m.	
Board of Design Review	Thurs. May 1	6:30 p.m.	2nd Floor Conference Room
	Thurs. May 8	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. May 15	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. May 22	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. May 29	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. June 5	6:30 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Room
	Thurs. June 12	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. June 19	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. June 26	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Com.	Thurs. May 15	3:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. June 19	3:30 p.m.	
Human Rights Commission	Tues. May 20	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Room
	Tues. June 17	7:00 p.m.	
Mayor's Youth Advisory Board	Sun. May 4	6:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Room
	Sun. May 18	6:00 p.m.	
	Sun. June 1	6:00 p.m.	
Planning Commission	Wed. May 7	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Wed. May 14	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. May 21	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. May 28	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. June 4	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. June 11	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. June 18	7:00 p.m.	
	Wed. June 25	7:00 p.m.	
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee	Tues. May 13	2:00 p.m.	3rd Floor Conference Room
	Tues. June 10	2:00 p.m.	
Traffic Commission	Thurs. May 1	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
	Thurs. June 5	7:00 p.m.	

*Call (503) 526-2640 V/TDD for a recording of City Council agendas.

**Call Neighborhood Program, (503) 526-2243 V/TDD to confirm location and meeting dates.

The events listed on this calendar are subject to change. The calendar on the City Web site will have the most current information about events and any cancellations. See <http://www.ci.beaverton.or.us/residents/calendar.cfm> for more details.

Assistive listening devices or sign interpreters will be made available at any public meeting or program sponsored by the City of Beaverton upon request with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice. To request either service, please call (503) 526-2497 V/TDD.

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Beaverton Community Center: 12350 SW 5th
Beaverton Resource Center: 12500 SW Allen Blvd.
Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS), 8640 SW Turquoise Loop
City Hall: 4755 SW Griffith Dr.
Conestoga Middle School: 12250 SW Conestoga
Edgewood Downs Retirement Center: 7799 SW Scholls Ferry Rd.
Elmonica School: 16950 SW Lisa
Five Oaks School: 1600 NW 173rd Ave.
Highland Park Middle: 7000 SW Wilson
Library Building: 12375 SW Fifth
Nancy Ryles School, 10250 SW Cormorant
Seventh Day Adventist Church: 14645 SW Davis Rd.
Sexton Mt. School: 15645 SW Sexton Mt. Drive
Southridge High School: 9625 SW 125th Avenue
Valley Presbyterian Church: 8060 SW Brentwood
THPRD Nature Park Interpretive Center, 15655 SW Millikan Way
Whitford Middle School: 7935 SW Scholls Ferry Road

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